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# 2020 Advanced Placement Exams: What Counselors Want to Know

In response to the coronavirus, College Board has developed AP Exams for this year that students can take from home. We reached out to AP students and they overwhelmingly told us they remain eager to take AP Exams. To provide students with the opportunity to earn college credit and/or placement through their AP score, we've made changes to AP Exam dates and format.

Continue reading for some of the most important information about 2020 AP Exams.

## The Basics

- AP<sup>®</sup> Exams will be given May 11–22 with makeup exams scheduled for June 1–5.
- For most subjects, exams will be 45 minutes long, consisting of 1–2 free-response questions, and will be open book/open note.
- Each subject's exam will be given at the same time worldwide. See schedule with exam details [here](#).
- Free [online AP classes](#) are available to help students and teachers prepare for this year's AP Exams.

## Communication

- In late April, College Board will provide AP students and educators with information on how to access the testing system on test day, and video demonstrations so students can familiarize themselves with the system.
- [Get information](#) about exam scoring, the score release timeline, and why we believe that most colleges will award credit for 2020 scores as they have in the past.

## Exam Preparation and Logistics

- We're working to ensure every AP student impacted by coronavirus has the tools and connectivity they need to review AP content online and take the exam from home. Students (or teachers on their behalf) can request devices or connectivity through April 24 at [cb.org/tech](http://cb.org/tech).
- Students and teachers can now attend optional **free, live AP review courses**, delivered by AP teachers from across the country.
- These mobile-friendly classes are recorded and available on demand.
- After covering key topics that colleges expect students to learn but won't be on exams, the classes will focus primarily on AP Exam review.

## Exam Fees and Waivers

- We won't charge anything for an exam that isn't taken, including the base exam fee and any additional fees such as the late order fee and canceled/unused exam fee. Refund policies and procedures are determined by individual schools and test centers.
- If a student doesn't take the exam on either testing date, it's automatically marked as an unused/canceled exam in AP Registration and Ordering. Students can choose to cancel by not taking the exam.
- Fee waivers will not be applied to AP Registration and Ordering until after the testing period. In the meantime, you can safely ignore these fees. Use filters and/or spreadsheet download to assist with reconciling and to identify specific exam orders with these fees.

## Exam Security

- The exam format and questions are being designed specifically for an at-home administration, so points will not be earned from content that can be found in textbooks or online.
- We will take the necessary steps to protect the integrity of each exam administration, as we do every year.
- Each subject's exam will be taken on the same day at the same time, worldwide.
- On test day, students will be required to verify their identity and confirm the work they submitted is their own.
- We're using a range of digital security tools and techniques, including plagiarism detection software and post-administration analytics, to protect the integrity of the exams.
- Each student's AP teacher will receive copies of the work the student submits to us, enabling teachers to spot inconsistencies with students' known work.
- Students who attempt to gain an unfair advantage also may be prohibited from taking a future Advanced Placement<sup>®</sup> Exam and the SAT<sup>®</sup>, SAT Subject Tests<sup>™</sup>, or CLEP<sup>®</sup> assessments.
- Under certain circumstances, College Board may inform law enforcement of any incident to determine if prosecution of the test taker, or anyone assisting the test taker in misconduct, is warranted.

## Scores and Reporting

- As usual, students' work will be scored by our network of college faculty and AP readers, and reported on a 1–5 scale.
- We plan to release scores as close to the usual July time frame as possible
- To help support teachers and schools struggling to collect and score student work for course grades, we'll provide every AP teacher with their students' responses from the online exams by May 26. Administrators and teachers can individually decide whether they'd like to use these results locally as part of a course grade or as a final exam.

## Higher Education Credit and Placement

- We're confident that the vast majority of higher education institutions will award credit and/or placement as they have in the past. We've spoken with hundreds of institutions across the country who support our solution for this year's AP Exams.